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Batter Up

PV Alumni are getting ready for "Old-Timers" baseball game.

SPORTSWEEK

Nostalgia

Special Homecoming pullout-section may bring back past memories.

HOMECOMING '89



Justice in Order

Sean Robinson shows why he's Sophomore class president.

LIFESTYLES

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Prairie View A&M University



The Prairie View A&M University football team has not experienced many happy moments this year. However, they played very competitive in a 35-32 loss to Arkansas Pine-Bluff on 10/7. The Panthers will be going for their first victory of the season when they play Alabama State University tomorrow. The Panthers then host Mississippi Valley in the annual homecoming game. Kickoff time is 2 p.m. at Blackshear field.

ARA Under Siege

By Kevin Lyons
Editor-in-Chief

Prairie View A&M University is currently in negotiations with ARA Food Services, and if an agreement cannot be made, Prairie View may find another food service contractor.

According to Dr. Bonner, Vice-President of Administration, ARA is currently on a 30-day observation period that may or may not result in a new food service contractor for Prairie View.

"Right now, we are making new specifications in the way we want the food service program to be run," stated Bonner. "We are looking at other contractors, and if ARA can't meet those specifications then we will have to bring in another food service. We just want the best food service that the students' money can buy.

In a recent study by Frank Jackson, Director of Auxillary Services, it was found that only 30 percent of the students on the meal plan are actually using their ID cards for meals at Alumni Hall. This figure, according to Jackson, is cause for concern.

"This low attendance rate shows that something is keeping the students from eating at Alumni. Whether it's the atmosphere, or the food itself, something has to be changed about the current dining situation," Jackson said.

Marshall Kellar, ARA Food Service Director, disagrees with the 30 percent attendance figures.

"We have records that show we are serving more than 30 percent of the students on the meal plan," said Kellar. "We will start cracking down on the door so that only students with

valid cards will be able to eat in Alumni Hall. As we weed out the non-valid card users from Alumni, I think a more accurate attendance figure will be shown."

Kellar said that ARA will be able to offer more at Alumni, such as the dessert waffles put in last week because only valid card users will be using ARA Food Services. Reinstalling the soft-serve ice cream machines, and bringing the salad bars back into the cafeteria are other things which, according to Kellar, are possible because of the crackdown at the door.

If Prairie View and ARA cannot come to an agreement, then some of the other food service contractors that may bid for a contract are Marriott Food Services, Southwest Dining, and Professional Food Management.

Celebration '89

By Kimberly Tyrance
NewsWeek Editor

Midterms are over and it's time to "set your homecoming out" for 1989.

"Celebration '89," is this year's theme. Homecoming activities will be held from October 22-28 on the PVAMU campus.

Homecoming Chairperson Frederick V. Roberts said, "This year we're putting 'Home' back into Homecoming. We're looking forward to the participation of alumni, students, faculty and staff in the traditional Prairie View Homecomingspirit.

Participants in the planning of the 1989 Homecoming activities include Chairperson Frederick V. Roberts and Co-Chairperson Pauline Bonner. Other staff members are; Willie Troy, John Hammond, Rayford V. Stephens, Vicki Minor, Kim Washington, Tony Duckett, Lori Gray, Ellsworth E. Mayfield, Clarissa Booker, Taylor Kelly, Timothy McWashington, George Meeks, and Milton Whiting; students-- Jose Luna, Todd Davis, Marion Moore, Kail Austin, Charles Adams, Terrence Washington, Jacquitta Duncan, Zelia Wiley, George Selkridge, Marlo Carmen, and James Johnson.

A Special Report

Campus Crime: Chaos at PV

Is college mischief serious enough to be called a crime?

By Ancheska English
Staff Writer

Some consider it mischief, but campus police consider it crime. Daily crime reports compiled by the Prairie View A & M University Police Department indicate that behavior is at an all time low. And as students prepare to "set their homecoming out", the situation will probably get worse.

On any afternoon, when people are supposedly in class or relaxing, pizza delivery men get robbed, innocent bystanders get sprayed with fire extinguishers and rooms are burglarized. At night, when the campus seems

to be asleep, students are being attacked, sexually assaulted and arrested. Keeping law and order at this university is a "twenty-four-seven" affair. Campus police have to stoop to playing cat-and-mouse with persons evading arrests, while upholding high standards by enforcing existing rules. College students do not like rules. Consequently, Prairie View P.D. gets no respect.

"I think of campus police as keystone cops," says senior Camille Rodriguez. "What would college be like without pranks? We're just being normal college students. The cops blow everything out of proportion. They're

too serious."

But sexual assaults, robberies, etc. are nothing to joke about. In a six day period last month, university police reported one sexual assault, three regular assaults, four burglaries and two cases of vandalism. Within one twenty-four hour period, September 18, two cases of indecent exposure were cited. That morning, a male reportedly exposed himself to female joggers. That evening, females said a male was pulling his pants down in front of Banks Hall.

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BRIEFLY

NEWS

Interim President for Student Affairs, Giles Daniels, has announced that Prairie View A&M University students, faculty and staff should be alerted to the possible danger of dogs on the campus.

Two students are currently being cared for after being attacked by dogs running in packs. One of the students had to withdraw from school. Efforts are now underway to remove all dogs from the campus.

Dog spotters are requested to report the sighting to the University Police Office (extension 4823 or 4922).

SPORTS

The men's and women's basketball team officially kicked off the 1989-90 basketball season last weekend with intrasquad scrimmages. The men's team opened in grand style scrimmaging at midnight last Saturday to a crowd of more than 450 students.

Expectations are high for the men's team as all five starters return from last year's squad. However, head basketball coach, Jim Duplantier remains plain old modest.

"We are just going to do the best we can," Duplantier quipped.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pee's and Vee's night club will be open in the west wing of Alumni Hall on Saturday. Admission is \$2

PEOPLE

Senator Craig Washington, a 1966 Alumni of Prairie View, recently returned to the campus to encourage student support of Radio Thon-89 for KPVM. In addition to a radio interview, the Senator also answered students' questions about his upcoming campaign in his bid for the late Mickey Leland's 18th Congressional Seat.

Although limited to a short appearance, the Senator is expected to return to Prairie View on the 27th to attend a Barbecue Dinner given in his behalf.

The dinner is sponsored by Prairie View's Volunteer Fire Station. Tickets for the Dinner are \$10.00. Persons interested in attending the Barbecue Dinner should contact a member of the fire station or a member of the Public Relations Club.

Dr. Millard Eiland, head of the Communications Department at Prairie View, has been appointed to the By-Laws Committee of the Texas Speech Communica-



Senator Craig Washington, student Tatia Epting

tion Association (TSCA). This is only one of many tasks that Eiland has been involved with for the TSCA during the last year.

The purpose of this professional organization is to enhance each member's teaching and awareness of communications in the high schools, community colleges, and universities. "TSCA is indeed fortunate to have such a person in its mem-

bership," said Dan Mendoza, Chairman of TSCA's Public Relations Committee.

This year's TSCA Convention was held in San Antonio on October 5-7.

Dr. Lucius R. Wyatt, Head of the Department of Art, Music and Drama at Prairie View, was appointed chairman of the Texas Association of Music Schools' Commission on Research and Publication. In this capacity, he will conduct research among schools and departments of music in Texas institutions concerning various issues affecting academic music programs. The appointment is for a three-year term.

University President, Dr. Bryant, and **John B. Coleman Representative, Ollie M. Mayberry**, were presented with a reference book of Hispanic History in light of an organizational festival held by the Hispanic group CHISPAS.

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OCTOBER--MILESTONES

October 1988: Elizabeth Davis received the Third Place Trophy in Prose Interpretation at the Southwest Texas State University Fall Forensic Tournament in San Marcos, Texas.

October 1987: Shari Love, Miss Prairie View A&M University won the title of "Miss Hall of Fame" in a competition of Black college queens in Atlanta, Georgia.

Prairie View A&M University sponsored a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, a series of educational activities for students.

October 1986: The P.V. Panthers beat the Grambling State Tigers 24-19 in front of a crowd of 33,000 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. This was P.V.'s first win in 22 years over G.S.U.

October 1982: The Panther football team presented Coach Jim McKinney his first win of the season with a 24-13 triumph over previously unbeaten Bishop College. The game was played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Clyde Ashley, head of the Department of the Economics and Finance at Prairie View A&M University, was named Chairman of the Administrative Committee for the College of Business.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Chapters of the South Central Region met at PVAMU as guests of Zeta Gamma Omega and Zeta Gamma Chapters for meetings and workshops. The theme of the retreat was "Renewal: A Facet of Dynamic Power."

Keith Roberson and **Catherine Charlston** were voted Mr. and Miss Baptist Student Movement.

October 1981: Prairie View Alumni **Eddie L. Jenkins** (1960) was promoted to Consumer Relations Manager by General Motors Corporation Chevrolet Division, New York Zone.

CAMPUS CRIME

Thursday, October 12: Complainant reported University property taken without effective consent.

Friday, October 13: Theft of service occurred within the City of Prairie View, University student suspect was interrogated at Fuller Hall.

Saturday, October 14: Complainant reported that unknown person(s) took her VCR without consent from Banks Hall.

Sunday, October 15: Alarm was activated by steam due to an excess amount of water in the pipes of the Home Economics building.

Monday, October 16: Complainant reported to the University Police Station complaints of receiving threatening phones calls.

Tuesday, October 17: Student reports removing a set of keys from a vehicle in the Health Center parking lot and turned them in to the Police Department.

Tuesday, October 17: Student reported that he found keys in Lot 17, Drew Hall parking lot.

NEWSWEEK

Coleman Library Receives 5 Films

University Release

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas--The John B. Coleman Library at Prairie View A&M University has received five award-winning films on Southern Africa, announced Dr. Adele S. Dendy, director of Library Services. PVAMU was selected along with 61 other sites across the nation to offer these films on life under apartheid to teachers, ministers, and the general public free of charge.

"The films on Southern Africa will enable the students, faculty, staff and resi-

dents of Waller County to learn about life under apartheid," said Dendy.

The newly available documentary film titles are "South Africa Belongs to Us," "Generations of Resistance," "Biko: Breaking the Silence," "The Cry of Reason," and "Destructive Engagement." These films have been broadcast on European and American public television and have won prizes at film festivals around the world. Praised for their accuracy, clarity of presentation, and emotional power, the films provide a comprehensive look at the nature of apar-

theid, its history, the freedom struggle, and the responsibility of global citizens.

The video cassettes may be borrowed from the John B. Coleman Library's Learning Resources Center. High School teachers can show them in class, assign them as book reports, outside "reading," or as independent study projects. Ministers may borrow them to screen in Sunday school and adult education programs. Public libraries, museums, cultural centers, and student organizations may build public programs around them.

The John B. Coleman Library's Southern African Video Collection is part of a national project undertaken by California Newsreel's Southern Africa Media Center to deepen Americans' understanding of apartheid. The project was inspired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who said, "The only remaining chance for bringing peaceful change to South Africa lies with the international community, especially Americans, who understand and value the importance of freedom."

The Southern Africa Media

Center, a San Francisco-based non-profit agency, is supported in part by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. It was established in the wake of the 1976 Soweto uprisings to inform and involve Americans in the Southern African situation. It is America's most widely used source of films on apartheid.

For more information or to borrow a video cassette on Southern Africa, contact: Mrs. Marion Williams, John B. Coleman Library, Learning Resources Center, Room 210, 409/857-3027 or -4622.

Agronomy Department Equal to Task

By Frances Worthy
Special to The Panther

Most of you are familiar with the term agriculture. It usually conjures up an image of large wheat fields or acres of corn. Some may even envision herds of cattle. All are parts of agriculture. Today, however, the term is agribusiness because it is the largest U.S. industry. It includes modern management and production systems, computers and other forms of technology.

Within the field of agricultural science are several branches. One is Agronomy. The usual response to that name is, what? The what can be explained this way. If one studies the principles and production of field and food/feed crops, their relationship to the soil and the management of the soil, then add pest management, then that's Agronomy. Since the scope of the discipline is so broad, the curriculum and training are comprehensive. Course requirements include chemistry, agricultural economics, animal science, entomology, soil sciences and field crops.

When you eat your cereal, it is from grains processed from field crops like wheat and oats. These are food crops for man. So are legumes. Or peas, beans and peanuts to you. Crops

grown for animals are called forage. When you see a cow or horse chewing grasses or hay, it is a feed crop. Did you know that corn is really a giant grass?

Field crops evolved from wild, diverse plants to modified, cultivated ones. Many of these plants/crops assumed to be domestic, actually originated in Africa. Those like sorghum, cowpeas, yams, peanuts. There are also fiber crops (cotton), medicinal crops (digitalis used for heart conditions), and specialty crops (coffee or turf grasses for golf courses).

Agronomy's role is to improve, manage and increase efficient production of crops and soils. Therefore a knowledge of water's relationship to soils is very important. In reality, Agronomy encompasses air, water and soils.

A degree in this science prepares a graduate for a profession as a soil conservationist, plant breeder, soil scientist, agronomist, ecologist environmental scientist or water resource scientist. With the concern about the environment, this background puts one in the forefront. Current challenges are solid waste and hazardous materials, soil erosion, surface and groundwater supplies and global warming.

These problems are complicated by a greater problem in agricultural science. Name-



Old Scenes From Homecomings of Past Years

ly, the critical shortage of students entering agricultural colleges. Enrollment has dropped 15% over the last years. Also the exceptionally low number of master and doctoral candidates, especially among minorities and women. The result is that research and college faculty will decrease drastically before the end of the decade. In turn, the consumer standard of living will decline. America's economy depends on productive and efficient food and fiber systems that derive from scientific breakthroughs. It will also

impact on the health standards of the public.

Since 'Workforce 2000' is fastly approaching, programs to attract minority students have accelerated to maintain a competitive position in research and global markets. In the research area, a Prairie View University professor and graduate student conducted extensive studies utilizing sludge from sewage waste as crop fertilizer. A former PVAMU Master's graduate conducts research in stability studies in the tissue culture of special interest plants. Another

African American with a PhD in Agronomy studies the effects of air pollution stress on wheat.

Other areas that Agronomy plays a major role in are: improving crop species resistance to diseases and pests for greater yield and effects of radioactive materials from the soil on animals and man.

The world of opportunities in Agronomy is vast and exciting. It is much more than a name that elicits the response, what?

NEWSWEEK

Bullock Addresses PV Students

By Valjean Shaw
Staff Writer

In Washington, he is referred to as 'The Ounce Man, The Man with the Facts, an outstanding executive.'

The Dallas Morning News calls him, 'The best tax collector Texas has ever had.'

His name is Bob Bullock, Texas' State Comptroller who is also an active candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Bullock spoke to Prairie View students on October 5th, in the Hobart Taylor Hall. His topics included the recent Supreme Court decision of equal funding representation for all schools and the future economy of Texas.

'Brain power, intelligence and information is how we're

going to expand Texas.' Bullock stated, 'When you walk out of the halls of Prairie View, you will walk into the economy of Texas.'

Bullock also stated, 'The Public Education System is the feedstock for great Universities, but we can't continue to be competitive if 1 out of every 4th student who graduates from high school continues to need further courses to prepare him for college.'

When asked how he proposed to balance out the current tax deficit, Bullock replied, 'From 1971 to 1974, we built Texas on a false economy without a tax build. In 1984, I developed a proposal of a tax build, my responsibility now is to point out how a tax build is to be done.'

After commending Prairie View on an outstanding College of Nursing, an outstanding College of Engineering and a great Agricultural department, Bullock was asked, 'Why is there a three-thousand difference between the amount allotted a student attending Prairie View A&M and a student attending Texas A&M if both schools are under the A&M system?' Bullock replied, 'I have neither voice nor vote in the legislation, but I will, and as much as I hate to admit it, Prairie View A&M is often considered to be a stepping stone to the A&M system, but the strongest backing that Texas A&M has is its Alumni Group and to be more specific in answering your question, the political process is to



Bob Bullock

become involved in the legislation, vote to place someone in office who will help Prairie View students receive the amount that Texas A&M students receive.' Bullock continued, 'We all have to work together, politics means nothing more than working together to finding a reasonable solution to the problems in Texas.' He concluded, 'With education being the largest employer in the state of Texas, we've got to pump some big bucks into the Public School System.' 'It's a shame the Supreme Court had to tell us to do it.'



Dancers in CHISPAS Festival

Co-op Extension Prog. Joins with FHA

The Cooperative Extension program at Prairie View A&M University has entered an agreement with the Farmers Home Administration to provide socially disadvantaged farmers technical assistance relating to tested farm management techniques, planning and profitable alternative farm and/or nonfarm activities. The overall goal of the agreement is to directly improve the farm income of borrowers through better management and financial analysis.

This project was initiated as a result of a Cooperative Agreement between Mr. Neal Sox Johnson, Acting Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture and Mr. Hoover Carden, Administrator

of the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University in coordination with Mr. J. Lynn Futch, Texas State Director, Farmers Home Administration.

The 18-month project is being implemented in six counties which are Freestone, Leon, Chambers, Liberty, Falls and Limestone.

Three farm advisors have been hired by the Cooperative Extension program to implement this project through outreach efforts to potential farm ownership borrowers and providing technical assistance to existing FmHA borrowers.

Research Center Sited for Waller Co.

Leaders from the cities of Prairie View, Hempstead, Waller, and Brookshire recently held a luncheon meeting with Dr. Dennis Judd, head of the High-Energy Physics Group at Prairie View A&M University, to discuss the status of his Particle Detector Research Center proposal and their plans for Waller County development.

Judd discussed his recent meeting in Dallas with President Bush's High Energy Physics Advisory Committee (HEPAC). He said that the HEPAC membership consists primarily of professors from universities near the national laboratories, funded by the Department of Energy (DOE). Therefore, they are more likely to protect DOE funds for the labs than to divert monies for the detector centers.

"Therefore, the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission (TNRL) will make its own decision about who they will support with the \$100

million of Texas bond money for funding.

set aside for national research and development for particle detectors," said Judd. The remaining \$900 million bond funds will be used for construction of the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) near Waxahachie, Texas. He also pointed out that federal and state funds must allow a 10% set-aside for minorities (including Historically Black Colleges and Universities such as Prairie View) and for entrepreneurs.

The Prairie View proposal, which has been expanded to include other states, with strong white institutions linked with HBCUs, has a current price-tag of \$25-35 million. It will compete with the Colorado Consortium (with Colorado and surrounding states), the University of Texas' proposed high-energy physics theory center, and a consortium centered in Mississippi. According to Judd, the commission may choose one or all three centers

Judd pointed out that the funding for the center would mean a major stimulus of the regional economy, but that the region will need to make improvements in the school system and improve services such as transportation and health. "We need to show them that the quad-cities are coming together to solve these problems," said Judd.

Regional leaders attending the meeting discussed plans for Hempstead School Superintendent Leonard Shoemaker, the head of Region IV Education Service Center, and others to go to Durham, N.C. next week to study their nationally recognized school system and use these findings to devise a model plan for Waller County. Some plans for the education system include a math and science magnet high school to be centrally located in the county and a strengthened elementary school curriculum.

HOME COMING '89

NEWSWEEK

Foreign Student Explains Lifestyles

By Frances Worthy
Special to The Panther

This interview was conducted with:

Mohamed D. Hajin who was born in Nagell, Ethiopia. However Mohamed was raised in Somalia. He is a Senior majoring in Animal Science.

THE INTERVIEW:

FW: Mohamed, give me some background information on you, your family and Somalia.

MH: I am the oldest of 4 brothers and I have an older sister. My father, who is deceased was a farmer and businessman. My mother does not work. The family is Moslem. Most Somalis are Moslems; about 99%. I lived in the capitol city, Mogadisho. It is a port city on the Indian Ocean on the longest coastline in the world called the Horn of Africa. The weather is tropical; 70 degrees throughout the year. My education included high school and 2 years of veterinary school. The classes

were in the Somalian language. After my training, I worked as a vet traveling to different places to vacinate animals for diseases. The job was ok. It gave me the interest to pursue Animal Science.

FW: Is that why you came to Prairie View to study? How do you like it here? HM: Yes. It is a good school. A friend had attended and recommended it. He felt you got more attention than at Texas A & M. It is very good, I have made a lot of friends; American, Asian, Indian, from different parts of this world. The minor problems are housing and long registration lines.

FW: What do you like about Houston or the U.S. for that matter?

MH: 3 months ago I became a U.S. citizen because the U.S. is a great country. I like it. It is a free society. It is true. Some parts of the world you can not express yourself; you have to hide. In the U.S. you have more opportunities, money, everything. Houston is much

larger in population and has more technology.

FW: What are your feelings on the relationship between American students and the international students on campus?

MH: If American and international knew how to contact each other, to communicate, they could learn a lot culturally from each other. The problem is we do not know each other. There are lots of students from overseas. If we only could meet socially; a certain place, through a newspaper. Does Prairie View have a cultural exchange center?

FW: Will you describe the Moslem culture and its influence.

MH: The government is not as strict or restrictive as people think. There are many cultures within the country. There are a lot of Ethiopian refugees there supported by the United Nations. Pay scales are lower than here; inflation rate is higher. But the crime is very low because of a respect

for the religion. Theft is considered very bad and punishment is out castment from society. There are very strong family ties. Having children without marriage, it is very strict on that. So children out of wedlock is very low. And the divorce rate is low compared to the U.S. The people are warm and welcoming. Very friendly to foreigners.

FW: The reference to strong moral ethics brings to mind the famous model, Iman who is from Somalia. How do Somalis feel about her?

MH: Some are negative because of her religion. Her family is Moslem and women are not to expose some parts of their body. I feel supportive of her.

FW: Now for a personal question. Would you marry a Somali or an American woman?

MH: I am undecided about marrying an American woman. But any good lady from whatever country. The boundaries are open.



FW: What are some of the fun things you enjoy?

MH: I play soccer with friends and jog. I also like dancing to Jamaican music; reggae. Also clubs and parties at friends' houses.

FW: In closing, what are the main difference you notice between Prairie View students and the international students?

MH: Foreigners have better study habits. They are more serious. Maybe their family life contributes to reading and studying more. I noticed when I was a resident in Holly Hall that Americans try to watch TV, listen to the radio and study at the same time.

The Role of the Black Woman Addressed

By Kimberly Tyrance
NewsWeek Editor

The role of the black female was the subject addressed at a rap session sponsored by Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma on October 11, 1989.

Bishop Monifa, a black woman and a member of the Shrine of the Black Madonna *10 Houston was the guest speaker.

"God structured the woman's body to carry new life and the purpose of new life is to sustain a race," opened

Bishop Monifa. "This God-given right, to sustain life, is the role of the black female," added Bishop Monifa.

The Black woman has been the stabilizing force throughout history and in the 21st century, the black woman must again be that stabilizing force for the Black race, she added.

Black communities have been inflicted with two major killers, Aids and Crack. The psychological impact of these killers has devastated the Black race.

Young black people have entered the crack wars by either selling or using the drug. Both of which create a world of violence and crime that prohibit a prosperous future.

There are more black men in jail than in college and more than half of black people live in poverty. Black communities are deteriorating, she said.

"If the black man is oppressed then the black woman is oppressed. If the black woman is oppressed then the black child is oppressed which leaves the entire black race

oppressed," stated Bishop Monifa. "Black women must sustain our race from oppression," added Bishop Monifa.

Bishop Monifa mentioned possible actions black women can take in order to overcome such detrimental factors affecting the black race.

*Learn to truly love and work together with the black man as an equal.

*Take pride and feel good about being black.

*Establish a spiritual belief in God.

*Prepare for a better life

through higher education for ourselves and enforce the importance of education to our youth.

*Establish committees to get rid of drugs in our communities.

*Uplift the black race by uplifting ourselves.

The role of the Black woman is a difficult task but with dedication from all, the job can be accomplished.

"It is time that Black Women take a stand and use their God-given right to sustain the Black race," concluded Bishop Monifa.

Panther Ads Make A lot of Cents

NEWSWEEK

College of Nursing Improves With Age

By Rebecca Turner
Staff Writer

Today, The College of Nursing at Prairie View A&M University has evolved from a two-year curriculum in 1918 to a broad national and state accredited baccalaureate program. There have been changes in the program since the very few students began their nursing training.

The curriculum was extended to a 3 year program, with the first "off-campus" facility at Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston, Texas. As the demands increased, the Uni-

versity received approval to become a collegiate nursing program. The new degree program operated until 1960, with 431 diplomas awarded in nursing.

During 1968, the Clinical Division of the College of Nursing was established in Houston, Texas. This facility allowed clinical experiences in the professional area of the program. In 1982, The College of Nursing present location is at the Texas Medical Center Complex, which provides a learning environment for students and faculty.

The Nursing Curriculum con-

sists of four and half academic years of study leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. The pre-clinical areas evolves two years of University and College requirements in the Liberal Arts, Humanities, and Natural and Behavior Sciences. The professional curriculum involves both theoretical and clinical learning experiences. The Clinical Division program progresses the student towards a baccalaureate degree.

The College basic philosophy in the program is education and dedication of the students and faculty. The

mission of the College is to educate the students who will possess intellectual and moral strengths. These qualities will allow the student to respond to the many health needs of a changing and complex society.

The faculty believes that education is a continuous process, with teaching-learning strategies employed to assist the students in utilizing their potential. The field of nursing is a caring profession devoted to helping families, individuals, and groups in meeting their health care needs of today. Nurses are able to meet these needs in the homes,

schools, companies, industries, and the armed forces. Furthermore, opportunities in nursing ranges from the staff house, head nurse, supervisor, and administrator.

A baccalaureate in nursing education prepares the students for the practice of professional nursing, along with meeting today's new opportunities. It prepares the student to perform in a diverse society. It is the foundation for a successful career in nursing, with expanding career opportunities.

Education Majors Prepare for the Future

By Rebecca Turner
Staff Writer

The College of Education at Prairie View A&M University has a reputation of preparing quality teachers and other school personnel. The College's graduates can be found in the school system throughout the state of Texas and the nation. There has been a sharp decline in the number of minority students entering the education field. This has encouraged the College of Education towards efforts to attract young men and women

to meet the new demands and challenges in teaching. Today, the role of the College continues to respond to the educational needs of the community.

The College of Education consists of the Department of Curriculum and Foundations, Department of Health and Human Performances, and the Department of School Services. The undergraduate degree programs in the Department of Curriculum and Foundations prepares teachers for secondary, specialized, and elementary schools. The pro-

gram also provides undergraduate degree programs in teacher aid and interdisciplinary studies. Furthermore, the program includes Certification programs for all students and teachers.

The Department of Health and Human Performances undergraduate programs meets the needs and interests of students who wish to pursue a major or a minor in health education or physical education. The students can either be coaches or teachers in this area. Eventually, the students

can explore job opportunities in fitness and health areas.

The Department of School Services offers graduate students to pursue a Master of Education or a Master of Science in Education degree, with specialties in Counseling, Educational Technology, Reading, Instructional Division, and School Administration. This program prepares students for opportunities in professional services positions in the public schools of the state. The program includes certification pro-

grams to prepare students for positions in principalship, administration, and superintendency.

With a strong educational program, the College of Education must continue its mission towards attracting more minorities into the education field. It is a need that must be met, with rewards in teaching and other educational areas. Today, The College of Education is continually meeting these challenges through its programs.

Co-op program provides assistance

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Mr. John Smith will serve Chambers and Liberty counties. He is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Economics. He is located in the county Extension office in Anahuac.

Mr. Mark Alewine works in Limestone and Falls counties. He received his B.S. degree in Agri-Business from Sam Houston State University. He is located in the county Extension office in Groesbeck.

Mr. James Boozer, Jr. is employed to serve Freestone and Leon counties. He is a

graduate of Prairie View A&M University with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Education. He is located in the county Extension office in Centerville.

The project will utilize a team approach consisting of the farm advisors and local

representatives of Farmers Home Administration, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and other relevant agencies.

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SPORTSWEEK

Weight Team Out For Respect at PV

By Todd Moore
Staff Writer

When you think of sports at Prairie View A&M University that get no respect, football, golf and tennis come to mind. Well, add two more PV sports

lost to the "Rodney Dangerfield abyss" list: bodybuilding and powerlifting.

According to team captain John Williams, one of the reasons that bodybuilding and powerlifting isn't as widely known is because they don't

receive the funding that more prominent sports receive.

"The (administration) doesn't back the bodybuilding team. The meets we attend comes from coach's (Dr. Harold Fillyaw) pocket," third-year team member Timothy

Pruitt said.

The team attends about three meets a year, and holds the 8th annual Mr. Prairie View contest in April. The contest usually has a good turn out of support from the university, but unfortunately does

not raise enough money to support the team financially.

Each discipline focuses on a different aspect of the sport. Powerlifting centers on building strength with events like the squat, bench press, and dead lift. Bodybuilding focuses on total body perfection, cut of the muscles and looking good.

"Lifting is a good way to better yourself and build self-esteem, but it has to be something you want to do," Williams said. "I had less self-esteem before I started body building. It's helped me a lot."

The team even has girls on the team. Ms. Prairie View, Marianne Palmer, works out with the team.

"Most girls just want to tone-up their body. They're not really into serious lifting or

"I wasn't rubbing it in—I just wanted Eddie to know the score of last night's game."



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PV Hall of Fame Inductees

Honorees have been announced who will be inducted in the Prairie View A&M University Athletic Hall of Fame—for their excellence in football, basketball or track—at the Alumni Achievement Banquet. In addition, Mr. and Miss Homecoming '89 and Miss Golden Homecoming will be announced and presented at the banquet, which is scheduled for Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Wing of Alumni Hall.

Those to be honored for their athletic excellence are: Zelmo Beaty, Thomas "Jack" Bellinger, Clem Daniels, Eural Davis, James Gamble, James Harris, Gentry Hornsby, Jakes "Buckwheat" Jackson, Clifton Johnson, Jr., Leroy Marion, Willie Pruitt, Thomas Redmon, Morris Richardson, Reginald Sapenter, Calvin Scott, Archie Seals, Paul Ware, and Davis Webster, Jr.

In addition, posthumous awards will go to John "Bo" Farrington, Joel Flowers, Sr., and Jim Hunt.

The honoree who is not an alumnus of Prairie View, Leroy Moore, Jr., will be awarded for coaching the PVAMU national championship basketball team in 1962.

SPORTSWEEK

Baseball Classic Features PV Alumni

By Angela Wilson-McGrath
Copy Editor

The Fourth Annual PVAMU Homecoming All-Star Baseball Classic will be held at 6 pm on Friday, October 27, 1989 at the Prairie View diamonds. The "visiting" team of challengers will be comprised of Panther baseball alumni and the "home" team 1989-90 Panthers will go their first nine innings of the year in preparation for the upcoming spring season.

Coach John Tankersly, who has devoted 18 years to Prairie View, said, "We are going to have a good season this year. I feel it." He added that with seven returning seniors, a couple of juniors and some promising freshmen and transfer recruits he is expecting an excellent team.

"And, we have gotten a tremendous response from PVU 'greats' for this game," he continued. "It will be one of the

best yet, and we would like for everybody to come out and see a preview of what is to come." Coach "Tank" added that there is not an admission charge for the exhibition.

"Tank" related that the alumni 'greats' have issued a challenge. "They told me they're going to come down here and kick our you-know-whats," he laughed. The record over the last three years is PVU-2 versus 'Old-timers'-1.

Some of the 'Old-timers' that will be coming are: Ronald Stinnett of Dallas, now a scout, was signed to play for the Phillies in '74; Odie Davis of San Antonio, now owns a construction company, made it to AAA with the Texas Rangers; Nathaniel Davis, Odie's older brother and director of the YMCA in San Antonio, played for Prairie View in the '70's and '80's; Robin Williams of Ft. Worth, now works in the computer science field -- a job he had before he graduated with

top honors -- was the leader in the SWAC batting stats for three years in a row at PVU in the '80's; Kenneth "JoJo" Jones, now a baseball coach at Sharpstown, graduated from PVAMU in the '80's and has spearheaded the effort to contact baseball alumni in the Houston area; Cecil Woods of California, now in real estate, played for Prairie View in the early '80's and is sponsoring the Panther's first trip to the Los Angeles area to play Whitier University, Biola University and LaVerne University beginning on January 31, 1990; Houston; Perry Crenshaw is

Anthony Bryant of Houston is now in law enforcement; Rowland Steptoe is an assistant baseball coach at Lamar; Leroy Clark of Houston holds an executive position at Plumer Feed Co.; Gerald Robinson is a businessman in Dallas; Anthony Coleman is an executive working for the city of Dallas; Gene Chandler teaches in Houston; Chuck Boyd is in business and marketing in Texas City; Clifton Harmon works in the demanding world of children's toys in Austin; Gilbert Good coaches in Houston; Perry Crenshaw is

now a minister; Tyrone Hamilton is a recent graduate in Agriculture and works in Houston; Melvin Huff, now living in Hempstead, was an accounting instructor here at PVAMU, after playing for the Panthers in his student days; and Chuck Wilson is now a graduate student at PVAMU, and he is the Women's Volleyball head coach here.

1989 PVAMU FOOTBALL RESULTS

DATE	PV	Opp.		REC.
09/02	07	Texas Southern Univ.	45	0-1(0-1)
09/09	00	Southwest Texas State	41	0-2(0-1)
09/16	00	Jackson State Univ.	66	0-3(0-2)
09/23	03	Southern Univ.	34	0-4(0-3)
09/30	00	Grambling State Univ.	49	0-5(0-4)
10/07	32	Ark./Pine Bluff	35	0-6(0-4)
DATE		OPPONENT		SITE
10/21		Alabama State Univ.		Montgomery, Al.
10/28		Mississippi Valley St.		HOME
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11/11		Alcorn State Univ.		Lorman, Ms.

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PV History: A 'Triumph'

By Angela Wilson-McGrath
Copy Editor

Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest Texas institution of higher learning and its long history is full. The campus now serves as a place where thousands of people gain knowledge and skills that are needed for a future where opportunities are more equal. But at this time of "Homecoming", reunions and memories it seems that this campus, that sits on the site of a former plantation, becomes a monument to the people that fought the battles over the years.

On April 19, 1876 Governor Oran M. Roberts signed the Legislative Act passed by the Fifteenth Legislature, that provided for the establishment of an "Agricultural and Mechanical College" for 'Negro' citizens in Waller County. Records are unclear as to who performed the duty of determining and securing the site for the institution ordered by the legislative act, but it is thought that L.W. Minor of Mississippi was appointed by the Board of Directors to do this.

Prairie View historians accept that it was indeed L.W. Minor that visited and chose this site for the new school. The area was originally known as Alta Vista, and was formerly the Kirby plantation. In fact, according to historians and school records, the Old Kirby Building served as a dormitory, laundry, recitation room and several other purposes in the dawning of Prairie View's day. It was printed in the first Prairie View annual that L.W. Minor and Richard "Dad" Wells were responsible for

coining the school's name when they were taken in by the view of the surrounding prairie from a vantage point in the attic of the old Kirby Hall.

Founders' Day is celebrated on March 11, marking that "triumphant" day, as they said in the first Prairie View annual in 1917, when in 1878 Prairie View's doors were finally opened. Through those doors entered eight young men, the first 'Negro' students to enter a state-supported college in Texas, and their principal L.W. Minor. However, the school was forced to close the next term due to lack of funding and of students.

Prairie View again opened its doors on October 6, 1879 with E.H. Anderson as principal and an initial 36 students. Prairie View's early years were dominated by the concentration of Agricultural study. In the first 17 years of its existence the college never had an enrollment of over 140 pupils annually. School documents attribute this to what was known as the Appointment System. Many students in those days were given employment to help pay for education, however, these positions were directly appointed by the state, until 1909. In that year the Twenty-sixth Legislature abolished the funds for that system and by 1917 the record enrollment was over 925 students.

Prairie View's early mission was seen as enabling 'Negro' citizens to be "trained for life's occupations" and to enable this part of the population "to earn a respectable living", according to early catalogues and annuals. Through the years the mission of the

institution was refined and updated, adding the social and political philosophies of the '50's, '60's, '70's and '80's.

Today Prairie View A&M University has a three-fold mission directly related to the designation of the university as an "institution of the first class" by amendment to the Constitution in 1984. The mis-

sion: to become "an institution nationally recognized in its areas of education and research"; to complete the duties assigned to a land-grant college, which PVAMU is by federal statute; and to provide special services to students of "diverse ethnic and socio-economic background" by being a "state-wide special purpose institution".

The dramatic growth that Prairie View experienced in the early decades required the talents, and life-long devotion of many people. (See Principals and Presidents this page). As Prairie View grew, its name changed to reflect that growth, as well as to reflect the introduction and abolishment of laws over the years. The names in order from first to present are: the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youths, Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, Prairie View University, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View A&M University of Texas.

Although the last decade has been one of expansion at Prairie View, the first 100 Years encompassed dramatic transitional events here. (See First Hundred Years this page).

The building pictured below is referred to today as the Old Science Building, but it was called the Science Building and the Osborne Building in past years. J.G. Osborne was the principal and during the 1924-25 school year six buildings were added to the PVAMU campus including the one pictured below. The only other building that remains from that year is the Veterinary Hospital. The football field was called Blackshear Field from the very day that athletics began at Prairie View in the late 1800's, begun by, then principal, E.L. Blackshear. The original field was located where the present Administration Building and the east end of the Memorial Student Center are. The "stadium" burned down and the present location was chosen much later. Many people may remember the building that sat next to the one pictured below, Spence Hall, or the ROTC building. This building was even older than the other two remaining relics. Built in 1918 for the "new" Division of Agriculture, it lasted through seven decades until it was removed for the construction of the new library. Another older building that remains on campus is now called Hilliard Hall and houses the communications department and the radio station. It was built in the 1930's at the cost of \$100,000 and used as a dining hall until the '70's.



Presidents and Principals



L.W. Minor was the first principal of Prairie View. On March 11, 1878, Minor enrolled the first eight students. However, the school was forced to close the next term due to a lack of funds and students.



E.H. Anderson, 2nd principal, was a minister-teacher of Memphis and Fisk Univ.'s. He was plagued by economic distress and conflicting laws. He served until his death on Oct. 28, 1885 at 35.



L.C. Anderson became the third principal when his brother died. During his 10 years many improvements were made due to his untiring effort. He founded the Colored Teachers Assoc. in Texas.

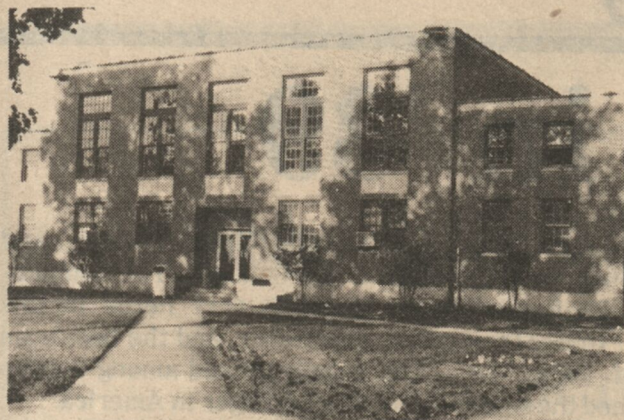


E.L. Blackshear, elected 4th principal in 1895, was influenced by Booker T. Washington. In his 20 years, Blackshear made lasting additions to every aspect of PVAMU and started athletics here.

By: Angela Wilson-McGrath

Highlights Of The First Sixty Years At PVAMU

By Angela Wilson-McGrath
Copy Editor



Built during the same era, but preceding Hilliard by just a few years, is the still-standing "Auditorium-Gymnasium". Students now call this building either the Old Gym or the Women's Gym, pictured above. In March of 1947 a fire destroyed the "old" Academic Building which housed the administrative offices. The present Administration Building was completed in March 1949, at a cost of approximately \$300,000. Suarez Hall was completed 1950 at a cost of \$350,000, as a women's dormitory followed by Alexander in 1952, as a male dorm. In 1951 the E.B. Evans Animal Industries Building, now called the Animal Industries Building, was opened and valued at \$284,000. The building now referred to as "Old Engineering" was added in 1952 and titled the Gibb Gilchrist Engineering Building. It cost \$258,170. The building now called the Home Ec. Building was erected in 1957 and named the Elizabeth C. May Building. Other buildings were added during the next few years, including Suarez and Alexander. Sewer and water lines were updated in the '50's and the Agricultural buildings were expanded. In 1960 construction of the Memorial Student Center was completed at the price of \$1,000,000 and a \$2,000,000 science building, now called Harrington, was finished in 1961. The next major physical improvements centered on the streets and other utilities. Storm sewers were added, electric lines were buried and air conditioning began to make an entrance. The "Baby Dome" was completed in 1964 with a cost of \$1,500,000 and the first air-conditioned dorms were opened in 1965. A half-million dollar expansion of the Banks Library was begun in 1966. Alumni Hall was opened in 1973, and buildings continue to go up on the Prairie View Campus. Some of these new additions are: Hobart Taylor Hall (1970's), the John B. Coleman Library and the New Classroom Building, among others in the 1980's.

1878 - The first eight students enrolled on March 11.

1879 - On Oct. 6, the school at Prairie View opened again, this time for good, and the enrollment had increased from 16 to 60 students by the following January.

1880 - State officials questioned the constitutionality of supporting the Texas A&M controlled Prairie View through the public school fund. The 17th Legislature ruled that the money appropriated was within the law.

1882 - After then Gov. O.M. Roberts approved a resolution ordering a state-wide search for the location of a proposed branch of the State University for the Instruction of Colored Youth, L.C. Anderson wrote a letter that appeared in the Houston Post, which listed 10 reasons why Prairie View would be the ideal site.

1883 - John F. Slater donated \$1 million for the education of the Negro.

1884 - L.C. Anderson succeeded his brother as principal, and was also elected president of the Colored Teachers State Association of Texas.

1885 - Prairie View issued its first diplomas, which were the equivalent of a state permanent certificate.

1886 - The 20th Legislature appropriated \$5,000, under the advice of the Board of Directors, for the support of an agricultural and mechanical department.

1887 - Passage of the Hatch Act added \$15,000 in federal money for an Agricultural Experiment Station in Texas, and Prairie View was included as a branch.

1888 - The Industrial Department began full operation.

1890 - The second Morrill Act stated that no state could avail itself of appropriations unless it maintained a similar college for Negroes out of its own revenue.

1891-92 - The 22nd Legislature gave three-fourths of the budget to Texas A&M "College" and one-fourth to Prairie View.

1893 - \$10,000 was appropriated for maintenance and support of Prairie View by the 23rd Legislature.

1894-95 - Of PV's 1,500 acres, 110 were cultivated, yielding 4,500 bushels of corn, 800 bushels of sweet potatoes, 60 tons of hay and all the vegetables consumed at the school over a two year period.

189 - The 25th Legislature initiated the setting aside of 100,000 acres of unappropriated public lands to endow the Negro branch, and they appropriated \$1,600 for surveys. Booker T. Washington addressed the graduating class.

1900 - The enrollment of the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College reached 280.

1902 - The board of directors added two years to the normal course.

1904 - Prairie View conferred A.B. degrees upon G.A. Randolph, Joseph E. Davis and Mrs. Ruth King.

1906 - The board of directors issued a statement saying, "We believe that it is not higher education, but practical education that the Negro school needs for its development."

1914 - The biennial report said that Prairie View grad-

uates had become principals of colored schools in these cities: Angleton, Beaumont, Brenham, Brownwood, Bryan, Caldwell, Calvert, Clarksville, Cleburne, Crockett, Denison, Edna, Gonzales, Halettsville, Hempstead, Hillsboro, Hockley, Houston, Jefferson, Mexia,

Mt. Pleasant, Nacogdoches, New Brounfelds, Orange, Rockdale, San Angelo, Sherman, Somerville, Taylor and Wharton.

1916 - The Household Arts Building, the Power and Ice Plant and a laundry were constructed.

1917 - A revolutionary Klein Report on Negro education was made by the Bureau of Education.

1919 - A school to prepare teachers began.

1920 - Fifty-two young women entered the training course in home economics.

1921 - The summer session marked the end of the normal course; all students were then classified as being either in the regular course or the sub-college course.

1922 - The total appropriations for the school amounted to \$259,219.86

1923 - The first athletic director, H.B. Hucles, was hired.

1927 - New principal W. R. Banks obtained a stronger state rating for PV after participating with Arthur J. Klein in the Bureau of Education survey of Negro colleges and universities.

1931 - The Prairie View Conference of Education was held.

1932 - W.R. Banks met with other Negro land-grant college presidents in Washington.

1934 - The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools awarded Prairie View a "Class A" rating.

1936 - An NYA resident center was established at Prairie View to provide vocational training for Negro men.

1937 - The Division of Graduate Study was established.

1938 - Dr. T.O. Walton, president of the A&M College, declared that "Prairie View College for Negroes is recognized as one of the best if not the most efficient higher educational institution for Negroes in the entire South, which of course means the best in the nation."



I.M. Terrell, the fifth principal, came from Fort Worth in 1915. During his three years physical improvements were made despite the world war. The first ROTC was introduced in 1918.



J.G. Osborne became the sixth principal in 1918, after acting as such. A medical doctor, he strengthened the Natural Sciences and created the Nursing division. A four year college was begun.



W.R. Banks became the seventh and last principal in 1926. Banks retired in Aug., 1947 as Principal Emeritus ending a 70 year era at PVAMU. He witnessed two name changes and extensive additions.



Dr. E.B. Evans, was principal but his title became president in 1948. Presidents since: J.M. Drew (1966), A.I. Thomas (1966-1982), Dr. Percy Pierre (1983-1989), and now, Interim President, Milton Bryant.

HOMECOMING '89

Life at PV Was Fine in '39

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A&M College in 1939.

Reds baseball game. It was the first major league baseball game shown on television.

were the home away from home hangouts for their respective habitats. Other clubs such as the Alpha Pi Mu Scholastic Society and the Beta Pi Chi Science club provided a scholastic setting for the intellectually inclined. The Varsity 'P' Club and the Cosmopolitan Club were very instrumental as social outlets for Prairie View students. The YMCA and YWCA also played a big role in shaping social foundations at Prairie View

The media began to become a major force in America during the last year of the thirties. Television showed opening ceremonies of the New York World's Fair that captured the imagination of America as predictions of life in the 80's proved to be accurate. The sportsworld also got a taste of things to come as television aired the Brooklyn Dodgers versus Cincinnati

Radio also played a big part in media perception in 1939. Radio premieres such as "Lil' Abner," and "The Milton Berle Show" kept listeners around the family jukebox for entertainment. Edward R. Murrow kept them there with his nightly news broadcasts from London. Murrow ended his nightly news with the now famous slogan 'Good night, and good luck.'

Good luck is something that the 1939 football team didn't need. Unlike their counterparts of 1989, the 1939 squad finished the season with a strong team. En route to a 4-2-1 record, the Panthers went 4-0-1 in the last five games while outscoring their opponents 81-13. That total includes a 7-6 victory over Xavier, La., in a New Year's Day Classic.

The Prairie View A&M College's men and women's basketball team were not as good as they suffered through a combined 8-21 record. However they played with pride against teams in the Southwestern Conference. Teams in the conference at that time were Arkansas State College, Bishop College, Langston College, Prairie View, Southern

College, Texas College, and Wiley College. The competition was very fierce in this conference, and the best team usually ranked among the top black colleges in America.

The way of life in 1939 is a far cry from the life of today. However, students at Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College were just as spirited as the 'University' students of today. Nevertheless, 1939 has certainly had an effect on the way of life in 1989. What will Prairie View be like in the year 2039? That remains to be seen. However, the next generation of Prairie View students will have their work cut out for them in keeping up with the proud tradition of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, in Prairie View, Texas...in 1939.



The 1939 Men's Glee Club



New Year's Day game: PV 7, Xavier 6

1939 Notable Movie Openings

Gone with the Wind
The Wizard of Oz
Wuthering Heights
The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Gunga Din
Pinocchio

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Fashion Review, University Fieldhouse, 7:30

University-Wide Talent and Variety Showcase,
University Fieldhouse, 8:00

Miss Prairie View A&M University and Queens Ball,
University Fieldhouse, 7:30

University-Wide Convocation, University
Fieldhouse, 10:00 a.m.

Council of Student Organizations Step Show,
University Fieldhouse, 7:00

Mock Funeral, Pep Rally, Bonfire, 6:00
Alumni Achievement Banquet, Alumni Hall West
Wing, 7:30

Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show, University
Fieldhouse, 8:00

Alumni Cocktail Party, Newman Center, 10:00 p.m.

Alumni Breakfast Dance, Newman Center, 2:00 a.m.

Homecoming Breakfast, Alumni Hall, 6:00 a.m.

Homecoming Parade, 10:00 a.m.

Residence Halls Open House, 12:00 noon

Football: Prairie View vs. Miss. Valley State Univ.,
Blackshear Stadium, 2:00

Pigskin Review Concert, University Fieldhouse

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you and I share.
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and care.
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now all is done.
Together our love
is bonded as one.
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asleep in the sand.
We spend our love
hand in hand.
And if unfortunately,
we should ever part.
A painful hurt
will dwell in my heart.
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and care,
My life with you,
I want to share.

by Darrell Gatson

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We sing our hymn of praise for mem'ries dear
For friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with
thee,
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion to
serve thee now,
And through eternity.
As days go by our hearts will not grow cold,
We'll love Thy purple royal and Thy gold,
We'll through our lives exemplify Thy
teaching,
We'll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love Thee now,
And through eternity

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Words by O. Anderson Fuller

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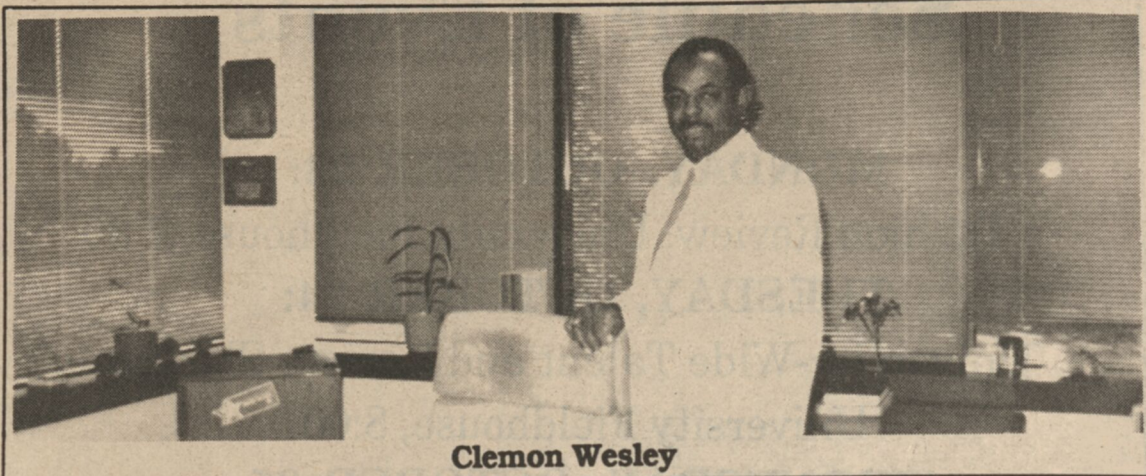
Telecommunications Wiz "Coming Home"

By Angela Wilson-McGrath
Copy Editor

Mr. Clemon Wesley, telecommunications entrepreneur (featured last issue), visited Prairie View A&M University's campus on Friday, October 13, 1989. Wesley also met with Mayor Ron Leverett and other community and university leaders. He will be "coming home" again on Thursday, October 27, 1989 and staying till Sunday.

His schedule is, as yet, not definite. However, Wesley, owner of Texcom, Inc., will be speaking on more than one occasion. The various engineering, military and communications organizations that are vying for his time, request that all interested students watch for posted times and places.

Wesley has expressed, on many occasions, a deep interest in the students at PVAMU and in the development and future of the university itself.



Clemon Wesley

Sophomore Class President Exemplifies Political Gain



Sean Robinson

By Tracie Woodson
Staff Writer

With every step he's taking these days, Sean Robinson is successfully moving up the ladder in politics....college politics that is.

Sean Robinson, sophomore class president and electrical engineering major, comes from a long line of political

commitment. The Portsmouth, Virginia native attended Israel Charles Norcum, an all black magnate school. There he served as president of the Phi Kappa Phi Ambassadors, a national honors fraternity, for three years. He was also senior class president and student government vice president for one year. Some of his other accomplishments were debate and drama team, homecoming and science clubs, president of the junior deacon board and choir.

In addition to being active in the classroom, Robinson was active in the community. He served on the community advisory board which helped to promote community awareness. As a sophomore in high school, he managed his own store, which was a novelty shop called Amusement Products Incorporated. He is now co-owner of the store and plans to reinvest his commission so that he can one day become sole owner. After graduating from high school, he served actively in the U.S. Marine Corp for three years.

Robinson says that he enjoys seeing things and thrives on getting them done properly. He says that as sophomore class president he refuses to

tolerate procrastination. Basically he enjoys knowing what is going on and being able to

interact directly. As sophomore class president, his main goal for the class of '92 is to motivate them and make them more willing to participate. He believes that too many students don't return to Prairie View because they don't know what's going on or just aren't interested in what's going on. He would like to institute programs that promote interest and allow the student to take pride in themselves. He challenges those under his reign to make a major impact and "bring back the panther pride." He also challenges the underclassmen because he would like for them to be just as competitive.

Robinson strongly stresses the importance of individuality. He feels that individuality is important because when we start comparing ourselves to others it causes our capabilities to be limited. He states that the two important people in his life are his heavenly father and his earthly mother. He feels that in order to be great you must "Challenge your mind, take pride in yourself, and become the best that God has to offer."



A Talley Masterpiece

Talley to Exhibit Art In Three Cities

Rev. Clarence Talley, Sr., professor of art at Prairie View A&M University, will be exhibiting his works in October and November in Houston, Austin and Baton Rouge, La.

The Houston exhibition, titled "A Square Foot of Space," will be on display October 5-28 at 1953 Montrose Blvd. in Houston. The art exhibited includes works by; Talley and several of his students: Mark Hartfield, Pamela Fortner, James Chaney, and Maurice Terry. Sponsored by the Art League of Houston, the exhibition's title comes from the spatial limitation of the art works to 12 inches in any direction.

In Austin, Talley will participate in an exhibition titled "Art in the Violet Crown" from

October 16-November 10 at the Bank of the Hills, 13805 Research Blvd. The exhibition is held in conjunction of the 150th birthday of the City of Austin and is sponsored by the Texas Society of Sculptors. The opening reception is

October 20, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Talley is also exhibiting his work at the 20th Annual River Road Show, sponsored by the Louisiana Art and Artists' Guild, 9725 Cortana Place in Baton Rouge, La. The exhibition runs October 1-19. Juried by nationally renowned watercolorist Judith Betts, the exhibition features 50 works selected from 300 submissions. Talley is one of only five Texas artists represented in the show, which includes 24 states.

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PV & Japanese Students Form INTERAC-JAPAN

By Kimberly Tyrance
NewsWeek Editor

There is a new organization on campus called PVAMU INTERAC-JAPAN. The purpose of INTERAC- (International Education Research and Analysis Corporation) JAPAN is to develop business, educational, and media relations with Japanese and Prairie View A&M University Students.

PVAMU INTERAC-JAPAN will be the first organization from a historical black university to establish relations with the Japanese and the first university to ever concentrate on a Media focus: Newspaper,

Television, and Radio.

PVAMU INTERAC-JAPAN will be sponsoring a presentation on October 31, 1989 which will focus on "Japan in the '90s." The entire PVAMU student body, faculty and staff are invited.

Ginger Bell and Christy Bergman, guest speakers from INTERAC Houston, will be presenting the following information:

Japan in the '90s: The people; The culture and customs; Modernized vs. Westernized; The Japanese View of the West; The language.

Also accompanying the guest speakers will be Japanese businessmen.

Campus Crime at PVAMU

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This proves that Prairie View A & M Police are busy with

more than just autographing parking violations.

"All they (campus police) do is write parking tickets and round up the drunks," says a student who wishes to remain nameless.

But due to the volume of crime here, the police do more than decorate cars with yellow paper and harass people for public intoxication.

Senior Earl Clement says, "If students would drink responsibly, then they could make clearer judgements—then there would be less incidents."

Alcohol may be the root of some of the problems, teamed with a lack of respect for campus authority and general "restlessness".

"Students drink when there's nothing else to do. Once they get a good buzz, they get the urge to go wilding," says Clement.

A car theft, an assault or vandalism could be in progress at the same time you read this article. Will you call the "keystone cops" or will you chalk it up to college pranks?

As homecoming approaches and wilding peaks, students should be alert and cautious. If security concentrates on crime instead of parking violations and students curb their delinquent impulses, the daily crime reports would dwindle.

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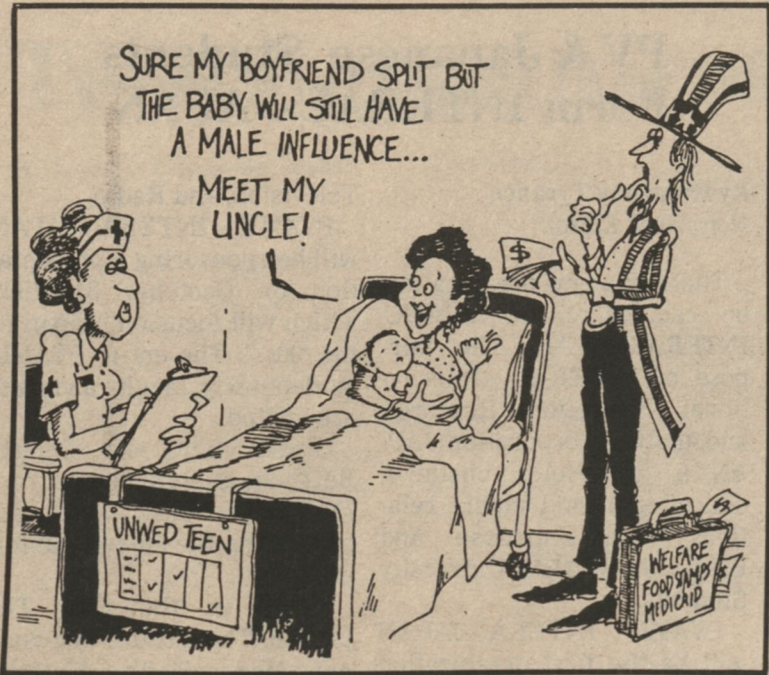
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Weekly Crossword

"HALLS OF IVY"

By Gerry Frey

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VIEWPOINTS

PVAMU Needs Unity



By Kevin Lyons
Editor-in-Chief

Over 200 hundred people were killed in a California earthquake last Wednesday, and the death toll is climbing. Hurricane Jerry wrecked the Galveston coast just a few days earlier. Back home at Prairie View, two students were killed in a car accident, and countless others have been injured in other auto mishaps. People are dying at a horrific rate. The one correlation between these tragic happenings is simple to find. Students at Prairie View, as well as people all over the world always seem to rally around each other when times get tough. Now, I have no problems with that because people should always help each other. But look at the key word...*always*. We, (and that means me too!), don't always rally around each other. We scratch, kick and back-stab

each other, and then when a friend or loved one loses a life we suddenly love everybody.

Prairie View, if we are to advance up the ladder of life we must be unified all of the time. We can't wait for tragedy to strike before we support someone. We have to start rallying around each other now. When a friend realizes a goal, we should pat him on the back. If one organization gets an award, then we all should rejoice. Why? Because we are only as strong as the weakest one of us. Everytime someone does something stupid, it makes a bad name for Prairie View A&M University. Sure, the majority of the students here want to do right, but when one misfit commits a jealousy-related crime, then the whole school goes down. Example in point. I'm from Dallas, Texas, and most of my friends who have jobs in Dallas have prejudices about Prairie View. Many of them think that Prairie View is the social life capital of the world. They feel that it's all play and no work here. Some of them don't even know that Prairie View,

(which by the way is the second oldest college in America-period), puts out some of the top engineering students in the nation. They don't know that Prairie View puts more black officers into the armed forces than any other college or university. They don't know details like this because we constantly pull each other down with stupid behavior that disgraces the name of Prairie View. They don't know that Prairie View produces intelligent students because everytime you look around, someone has been killed or injured in a fight or car accident.

If we want to rid ourselves of this reputation, then we have got to learn to stand together. We have got to stop this "Black on Black Crime" foolishness before it's too late. It all begins with unity. Not just unity among the blacks, but unity throughout the whole school. With unity, nothing can stop Prairie View from becoming one of the top schools in the nation. Remember, united we stand, divided we fall. Think about it.

President's Letter



Homecoming is a very special time of the school year at Prairie View A & M University. The meaning of the event changes as your relationship to your alma mater changes.

For you students, there is a week-long variety of entertaining and, yes, educational activities--from book reviews to fashion revues, from the convocation to the concert, from the memorial service to the queens ball, pep rally, parade and football game. Somehow, you will find time to study along the way.

Immediately after graduation, you will naturally focus your energies on either post-graduate studies or professional careers. It is usually sometime later that you will have the opportunity to reflect on your college days. Having prided yourselves on immunity to nostalgia, you may find that you are swimming in it.

The fact is that most people's college years are truly golden times, although they may not appear to be at 3 a.m. the night before an exam. Homecoming then represents an opportunity to link back up with those memories, to return to important roots, and revisit classmates and professors at the place where it all happened.

State Senator Craig Washington, an alumnus of Prairie View, has returned to campus many times to deliver convocation addresses and on other occasions. He once said how important it continues to be. Students, Prairie View is shaping you in both obvious and subtle ways.

Prairie View A & M University: the place where senators and generals are forged, as well as educators, engineers, nurses, business leaders, entertainers, researchers...and the list goes on and on.

I want you to savor your homecomings and all of your college experiences. Enjoy this special time now and when you return to us as alumni

The Panther Needs Reporters, Copy Editors

Homecoming is For Giving Back to PV

By Don Gray
ViewPoints Editor

Homecoming. Coming home to the "house on the hill". Once again a lot of us have managed to make it to yet another homecoming celebration at our beloved Prairie View. We've managed to pass a few exams by hook or crook, despite the fact that some of our classes are still being taught by smart aleck, overpaid, arrogant foreigners who can barely speak English (Hey, I don't care how many degrees you have or what type of research you've done--if you can't effectively communicate then you're simply wasting the money we spend attempting to get an education). The weekend is here and many of our thoughts

have turned to "setting our homecoming out", seeing old friends, parents, and taking advantage of those ninety-nine cent 40 ounce specials at Unco. Well, I hate to ruin the party again, but I hope a few of you may come to the same conclusion that I have... that homecoming is a bunch of bull!

Yeah, I know most of you are saying, "What is this clown talking about now?" Well let me take these few inches to pull it out and break it down for all of you alumni and current students, faculty, and staff. As always, this time of year everybody will be walking around talking about how far we've come since the last time they visited dear Prairie View. Driving around in fancy cars, extolling the virtues of the

education received here. Oh, put a boot in it. I say we're all a bunch a weak 'sambos' who settle for mediocrity rather than excellence. It's nice to come back 'home' showing off in your rent-a-car and clothes bought on an over the limit Visa card, but just how much have you contributed to the direction that Prairie View has taken? How many of you answered the plea by the National Alumni Association in 1987 to build 3000 more seats in Blackshear Stadium? Remember that while you're complaining about having to stand up or have someone sitting on you while you're trying to see our boys drive down the field (I know what you're thinking, but if you think you can do better, then get out on the field

and show us!).

Remember that although a lot of pretty sidewalks and new buildings have popped up, the few of you who sent your children here have found that the dormitories they live in are in unsatisfactory condition, fiscal affairs is still in shambles, you still don't know how the money for health care is being spent, and your children still have to travel (and die) Highway 290 and back roads to Waller and Hempstead to enjoy things one would think by now would have developed Prairie View into a college community. I tell you what, after you recover from homecoming why not stop complaining (after all, these are the same questions that have been asked for years..welcome

home baby) and use some of that education to place our home on the hill in the hands of the community and alumni. Or will you be like the spoiled child who takes advantage of the guidance provided by dedicated parents to get your butts out into the world and then fail to reciprocate when they are no longer able to take care of themselves?

Then again I'm probably just talking to myself. Perhaps this one time I should stop being a jerk and get into the homecoming spirit. Go ahead, set your homecoming out..set it way out in the grass, bring it back in till it kicks your ass. Just don't forget about building the house..PVA&MU, your "house on the hill".

VIEWPOINTS

Diet Begins in the Grocery Store

Yolanda Armstrong
Special to The Panther

Some food choices are better than others. Next time you're buying groceries, remember these smart-shopping tips.

PRODUCE SECTION -- Fresh vegetables are always the best choice; when you prepare them, you control the added fat and salt.--Citrus isn't the only good vitamin C choice. Peppers, tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, potatoes, and greens are all rich in vitamin C too.--Edible skins of fruits and vegetables and seeds (berries, tomatoes, sunflower seeds) are good sources of fiber.--Fruits and vegetables that are deep-colored green, yellow or orange throughout are high in Vitamin A.

DELI COUNTER -- Sliced roast beef, turkey and lean ham are good low-fat choices.--Pressed meats, lean ham and Canadian bacon are low-fat but high in sodium.--Turkey and chicken franks do not always have less fat than beef franks; some are merely smaller. Check nutrition label for sodium and fat content.--To limit fat, try salads made without creamy dressings.--If processed lunch meats are used, select those marked 95% fat free.

BREAD AND CEREAL SHELVES -- Look for cereal with at least 2 grams of fiber, 8 grams or less sugar and 2 grams or less fat per serving.--Compare portion sizes and calories on cereal labels; servings range from 1/4 to 1 1/4

cups.--Look for the words "whole wheat" or "whole grain" at the beginning of the ingredient listing. "Wheat flour" is nutritionally equal to white flour.--If selecting white breads, choose enriched ones.

CANNED FOOD AISLES -- Choose 100% pure fruit juices instead of fruit "drinks" or "punches."--Dry coffee creamers are mostly saturated fat and sugar. Evaporated skim, low-fat or whole milk are better choices.--The edible bones of canned salmon and sardines provide calcium.--Canned beans, peas, corn and vegetables are quick and easy sources of vitamins, minerals, and fiber.--Check sodium levels of canned foods if your sodium level is restricted.

PACKAGED PRODUCTS --

Limit products with palm, palm kernel or coconut oil high on their ingredient list.--Thick, unsalted pretzels are lower in fat and sodium than most other packaged snacks.--Graham crackers, animal crackers, gingersnaps and fig bars have less sugar and fat than most other cookies.

DAIRY CASE--Try plain, low-fat yogurt as a mayonnaise or sour cream substitute in chilled dishes.--Look for part-skim mozzarella, scamorza and string cheese; part-skim or low-fat ricotta; and "light" and reduced-calorie cheeses that contain less than 5 grams of fat per ounce.--Milk, buttermilk, cottage cheese and yogurt that are low-fat and have less than 200 calories per serving are good nutritional

values.--A little sharp cheese has more flavor and less fat than a larger amount of milder cheese.

WEIGHT CONTROL TIPS -- Did you know that to lose one pound a week, you must eat 500 fewer calories a day or burn up 500 calories extra a day by exercising? If you need to lose a lot of weight, see your doctor first. To control your weight, here are a few ideas: Choose foods and snacks low in sugar and fat to help you lower the amount of calories you eat.--Eat smaller servings and eat slower.--Don't eat just out of habit.--Exercise at least 2 or 3 times a week.--Diet pills, starvation diets, and other fad diets can be harmful, and you usually gain the weight right back.

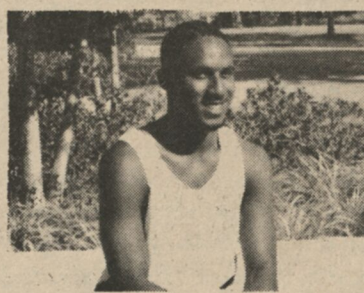
Student SpeakOut: What Does Homecoming Mean To You ?



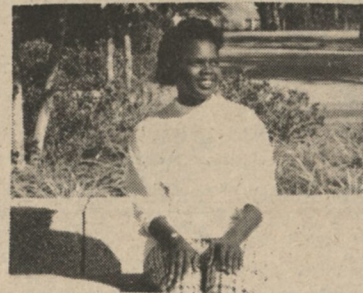
Pamela Lyons, Fr., Elem. Education, Las Vegas, Nev.: "Homecoming is a time of memories, getting together and a time for a lot of friends to get back together and kick it."



Rotyra Anderson, Fr. Sociology, Dickinson, Tx.: "Homecoming is a time when former students and present students get together as a family, celebrate the school spirit, and the variety of Prairie View."



Gerreck Hackney, Fr. Accounting, Houston, Tx.: "Old memories, good times, meet old friends, see new people."



Latonia Bogany, Fr., Accounting, Houston, Tx.: "Homecoming is a time of year where students and faculty come together and really show all their school spirit and give all their support to the university."



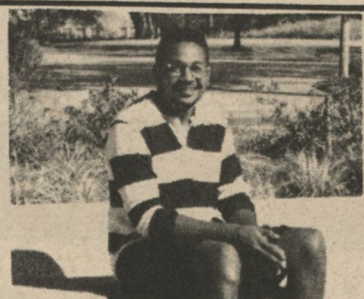
Monifa Thompson, Fr., Comm., Newark, New Jersey: "Homecoming is a time to reflect back on what once was and to reach forward to achieve what can be."



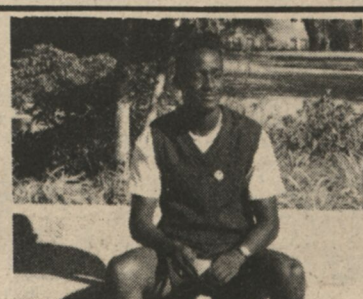
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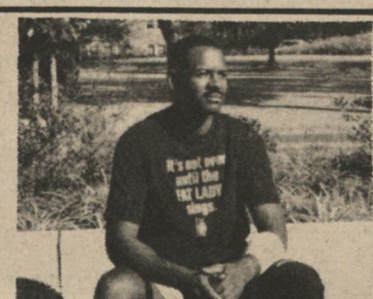
Anthony Curtis, Sr., Mech. Engineering, Houston, Tx.: "Homecoming is a fine for festivities and an opportunity to relax a little bit and get loose from midterms."



Gerald Haynes, Jr. Elect. Engineering, Kansas City, Kansas: "Homecoming is a festive time when there are a lot of good activities for the students and everyone is real social and we get together to have a good time."



Norris Dillard, Sr., Accounting, Houston, Tx.: "Homecoming is a time when both the old and young come together to celebrate the tradition of Black education at Prairie View."



Robert Jordan, Jr., Comm., Houston, Tx.: "Homecoming is a time for celebration, great parties and a time to give due respect to those who were here before we were because if it wasn't for them we wouldn't be here."

VIEWPOINTS

Letters to the Editor

Staff member urges school pride

Prairie View A&M University was founded in 1876 and opened in 1878. The University is the second oldest state institution. From its founding, the University has been a part of the Texas A&M University System.

The history of Prairie View is the history of black people in Texas. From 1876 to 1947, Prairie View was the only public institution of higher education in Texas which served black people who were part of a segregated society. Although the law said separate but equal, only the separate was realized. The equal in terms of funds was never realized.

Despite its financial handicaps, the achievements of the University are legion. Black teachers, doctors, dentists, engineers, nurses, businessmen, technicians, craftsmen, professional leaders and lay leaders throughout Texas are Prairie View graduates.

The following statement was taken from A STATEMENT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL OPERATING PROCEDURES HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY, PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS, NOVEMBER, 1974:

To dwell on the past has value only as it establishes a base for future projections. I, therefore, move to the present and future for the University.

Hopefully, the students' reading this excerpt will come to the realization of what ever we have on this campus, in contrast to what we had, is of great value. People before us risked integrity, dignity, self-esteem, and who knows what else so, that we could enjoy the luxury of a proper education. One could probably take the side walks and grass for granted but please realize the importance of a library.

The library is the heart of the university. John B. Coleman Library is a little over a year old and the students have already lost respect for this building. Maybe it is out of ignorance or lack of concern that students tear pages out of magazines, write on tables, walls and in the elevators, engrave their initials wherever they please, urinate and defecate in the elevators and

waste food and drinks everywhere. If this is the reason and students don't care, then maybe those students do not deserve to attend Prairie View A&M University and, I suggest that to whomever it applies, you get a transfer. One should be proud of and respect whatever they are a part of, and everyone attending Prairie View A&M University is a part of the student body and the campus surrounding them.

Rose Sonnier
John B. Coleman Library
Special Collections/Archives
Library Assistant II

Student wants questions answered

I would like to commend Mr. Gray on his article concerning Jerry Neef. I feel that it is of the utmost importance that we, the students, pose questions to the administration concerning issues that affect our academic careers and, thus our lives. We must ask and demand the answers to questions such as, why isn't faculty research deemed important university?

We, the students, must demand that the administration tell us why they are allowing this institution to meander into the 1990's. Yes, wander aimlessly!

Some administrators might try to refute my opinion by proclaiming that the aim of Prairie View is to "provide the best undergraduate as possible." BAH HUMBUG, my disillusioned administrators! Supposedly Prairie View is one of the state constitutionally designated "institutions of the first

class". If this is truly the design of Prairie View, then, the administration is truly off the course.

It is obvious that the state of Texas is not going to allocate the minimal amount of funds necessary to educate the students of Prairie View, the minimum being funds for scientific laboratories, academic computing facilities, books and periodicals, and new professors. Faculty research is one of the best ways in which any academic institution can gain funds for its general development. No research, no money. Prairie View will never be an institution of first class that black students so desperately need unless the administration actively encourages and supports active research. The future of Prairie View hangs in the balance, either the administration will allow the university to die or encourage and full heartedly seek research and research grants.

Byron Freelon
Sophomore
Physics Dept.

Press coverage is not balanced

As senior here at PVAMU, I have become appalled and infuriated at the negative press coverage that this prestigious institution of higher education has received in the past years. The press coverage was humiliating and it made our university/students look sort of stupid.

The general public perception of the PVAMU and its graduates will be tarnished

because of bad publicity. Incidences such as students paying their fees late, housing, illegal phone cards, football team strike, shootouts, fights, administrative deficiencies, etc., are inhouse problems (PVAMU or TAMUS Board of Regents) and they don't need to be all over the Six O'Clock News. These things happen at other university including TSU and you don't see or hear about them. If you feel offended please call or write a letter to the respective press; your opinion should be taken into consideration.

I understand that the press is sometimes needed to apply pressure, but it must be controlled. I ask that the student government officers, the students and the administration find ways to respond to issues that are pressing on campus ASAP. I also ask that we find some way to limit channel hype from being on campus so much. The negative reports on the evening news will not help PVAMU public relations or solve the problem.

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